

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Claims:

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC 112

Claims 12 and 14 are amended herein to cure the indefiniteness problems identified by the Examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claims 10, 11, 16, 23, 24, and 26 would be allowable, if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base and intervening claims. Therefore, the Applicants have:

1. amended independent claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of claim 10.
Claim 10 is cancelled.
2. amended claims 9, 12, and 14 to return them to dependent form dependant from claim 1. Claim 13 is cancelled.
3. amended claim 16 into independent form by incorporating the limitations of previously presented claim 1.
4. amended independent claim 17 to incorporate the limitations of claim 23 and intervening claim 22. Claims 22 and 23 are cancelled. Claim 24 is amended to depend from claim 17. and
5. added new claims 36-38, which depend from amended and newly independent claim 16. New dependent claim 36 includes all the limitations of claims 4, 7, and 8. New dependent claim 37 copies the limitations of claim 10. New dependent claim 38 copies the limitations of claim 11.

Thus, the Applicants submit that amended independent claims 1, 16 and 17 and their respective dependent claims are now in condition for allowance.

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The Applicants reserve the right to pursue the broader cancelled and previously presented claims in a Continuation Application.

Respectfully submitted



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